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1. THERE ARE NOW FOUR HEROIN ADDICTION CASES BEING TREATED BY EDITH BENNETT AND LOCALLY RESIDENT BRITISH DOCTOR, AND ONE OTHER CHILD HAS JUST BEEN REFERRED TO A NIDA-APPROVED PROGRAM IN THE U.S. BECAUSE DETOXIFICATION FAILED. WE KNOW OF ONLY ONE MORE SERIOUS ABUSER AT PRESENT BUT BELIEVE THAT THE MOST PERTINENT FACT IS THAT DURING THE PAST 3-4 YEARS KUALA LUMPUR HAS AVERAGED 4-5 SERIOUS ABUSERS EACH YEAR. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE THAT IN ANY ONE YEAR, 8-10PCT OF THE TEENAGE EXPATRIATE GROUP (PRIMARILY AMERICAN) HAS EXPERIMENTED WITH HEROIN. AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY, HEROIN IS THE PROBLEM HERE BECAUSE IT IS CHEAP AND AVAILABLE. KL, AND INDEED, OTHER SEA POSTS DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM THE US BECAUSE HEROIN IS CHEAPER AND MORE READILY AVAILABLE THAN MARIJUANA AND THERE IS A TENDENCY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPERIMENT WITH HEROIN WHO, IN THE US, MIGHT NEVER GET BEYOND MARIJUANA.

2. BASED ON MONEY IN HAND PROMISES FROM AMERICAN COMPANIES, WE WILL HAVE THE RESOURCES TO CONTINUE  
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MAINTENANCE OF OUR INTERNATIONAL TEEN CENHYR AND OUR ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES PROGRAM. THIS ASSUMES A CONTINUING MAJOR CONTRIBUTION FROM EXXON. WITHOUT A SUBSTANTIAL USG GRANT, HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN COUNSELING. MRS. BENNETT, IS EXPERIENCED BUT NOT YET ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED. FURTHERMORE, SHE

IS LEAVING IN MAY AND WE SEE NO POSSIBILITY  
OF A LOCAL REPLACEMENT. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE WE  
MUST HIRE AN EXPERIENCED AMERICAN COUNSELOR FROM OUTSIDE  
MALAYSIA. THIS COULD BE EITHER A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST  
OR A PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER. IN EITHER CASE, WE  
ESTIMATE IT WOULD COST AT LEAST US\$25,000 A YEAR  
FOR SALARY AND EXPENSES.

3. DIRECTLY BEARING ON ALL OF THIS IS THAT FACT THAT  
EXXON AND SHELL HAVE JUST COMPLETED MAJOR EXPLORATION  
AND PRODUCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE GOM. IN THE NEXT  
FEW MONTHS, EXXON WILL BE BRINGING IN 100 FAMILIES.  
IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A LESSER NUMBER OF FAMILIES  
COMING IN FOR OIL CONTRACTORS. PAST EXPERIENCE  
SUGGESTS THAT THIS SORT OF AUGMENTATION WILL BRING A  
VARIETY OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS WITH IT. WE ARE,  
OF COURSE, MOST CONCERNED ABOUT HEROIN ABUSE BUT YOU  
SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ALCOHOL ABUSE IS ALSO A SERIOUS  
PROBLEM AMONG AMERICAN AND OTHER EXPATRIATE TEENAGERS.  
THE SILVER LINING, IN THIS AUGMENTATION  
IS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT EXXON WILL INCREASE ITS  
CONTRIBUTION. IT IS THAT BELIEF THAT GIVES US HOPE  
THAT PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS CAN SUSTAIN OUR SUCCESSFUL  
ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES PROGRAM.

4. WE REQUEST A GRANT OF US\$25,000 FOR FY-1977. OUR  
INTENTION IS THAT THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO OBTAIN  
FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES WITH A MAJOR EMPHASIS  
ON DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING AND DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS.  
WE MAY BE ASKING AMED TO ASSIT US IN THE RECRUITMENT  
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OF A COUNSELOR.  
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